

Spring 2016

Hours:

Mon. & Weds. 8:00 – 3:00

Tues & Thurs 7 – 4:30



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Board of Supervisors

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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Planning Commission

Meetings 1st & 3rd
Tuesdays 8:00 p.m.

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Trent Larson
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Park & Rec

Meetings 2nd & 4th
Mondays 7:00 p.m.

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Kind hearts are the gardens
Kind thoughts are the roots
Kind words are the blossoms
Kind deeds are the fruits
~~~19<sup>th</sup> Century Rhyme  
Used in Primary Schools

**Spring Clean –up for Empire Residents – April 30, 2016** (*watch for flyer*) Items that will not be handled on clean-up day are recyclables, construction material, hazardous waste, liquids, oil, car batteries, household trash, paints and pesticides. Please, contact Dakota County at 952-891-7025 for more information on proper disposal of these materials. If everyone follows the rules, clean-up will be a success.

**Congratulations** to Jamie Elvestad for being re-elected for another three year term as Town Board Supervisor.

### **Help wanted: Ballfields Maintenance Position**

Empire Township is looking for a self-motivated person to assist in maintaining the ballfields complex which will include: cleaning inside and outside buildings, setting up fields for play, mowing etc. Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Approximately 20 hours per week. Must be able to work weekends and will have flexible hours scheduled as needed. There is more information out on our website. Send your resume to: [maintenance@township.empire.mn.us](mailto:maintenance@township.empire.mn.us) or Empire Township, 3385 197<sup>th</sup> Street, Farmington, MN 55024

**Highway 3** – MNDOT has notified us that Highway 3 will be worked on this summer. There will be a mill and overlay from 170<sup>th</sup> south to Hwy 50. T.H.3 will have lanes completely closed for a couple weekends. MNDOT will let you know when this will happen and what the detour routes will be. MNDOT will also be working on our trail along highway 3. They will be extending it from 194<sup>th</sup> Street to 190<sup>th</sup> Street by the round-about. Empire also asked them to look at the intersection at 170<sup>th</sup> Street and Highway 3 to make that a safer intersection.

Cheryl Jacobson has resigned from our Planning Commission. We would like to thank Cheryl for over 5 years of service. Corey Schweich will now be joining the Planning Commission.

Lynn Kielas has volunteered to fill the position on our Park and Rec Commission.

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Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference ~Winston Churchill



**Pets - Clean up after your pet.** Empire has doggie waste bags that are located throughout the trail system in case you forgot your own bag. **All dogs on the trails and in the residential areas must be on a leash or in your yard.** The owner of any dog that is creating a nuisance such as habitual barking, damaging property, owner not cleaning up after his dog, or the dog running at large shall be punished by a fine of \$75.00 per Ordinance No. 210- B.



**Libraries** - Our maintenance guys have worked on building a couple free neighborhood libraries. You can take a book and or leave a book.

**Geocaching** - Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game where you use a GPS device to find the container with a small treasure in it. Empire participated in this Dew Days event last year and will be participating again this year.

Empire's maintenance guys are also working on benches for along the trails. They will also be placing garbage cans and doggie bag containers along the new trails.

**Fire Permits:** A recreational burning permit is **no longer required**. All other fire permits need to be purchased at Farmington City Hall.

**Compost Permits:** SET/RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one year.**

**Street Sweeping** is scheduled for April 7 & 8, if weather permits. Please do not park on the streets on these two days.

**Hydrant Flushing** will be the week of April 11. While the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle. Try not to do laundry during this time. But, if you should notice rusty water in your laundry, do not dry the clothes. If this happens, stop by the Town Hall and pick up some rust remover.

## **A. Water Conservation**

### **1. Annual Watering Restrictions**

- a) An odd-even outdoor water usage restriction based on street addresses is in effect from April 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Residents with odd numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on odd numbered calendar days, and residents with even numbered addresses shall only water outdoor plants and lawns or irrigate properties on even numbered days.
- b) Township water cannot be used for the purposes of irrigating properties or watering outdoor plants and lawns between ten o'clock (10:00) a.m. and six o'clock (6:00) p.m. daily.

Reminder: Irrigating will cause higher water bills.

**Plan your summer!** Summer programs are being planned. A flyer will be mailed within a couple weeks with details.

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"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step" ~~ Chinese proverb